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Yau-matli	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai-po Market	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanning	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.23	6.18	7.58
Shung-shui	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	6.22	8.02
Shum-chun	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.33	6.28	8.08

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Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	2.22	5.29	7.10	
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Shatin	7.02	8.56	9.36	10.51	2.41	5.48	7.31	
Tai-po	7.16	9.10	9.49	11.04	2.50	5.57	7.44	
Tai-po Market	7.21	9.15	9.53	11.08	3.00	6.07	7.48	
Fanning	7.32	9.26	10.03	11.18	3.10	6.17	7.58	
Shung-shui	7.38	9.32	10.07	11.22	3.20	6.27	8.02	
Shum-chun	7.42	9.38	10.13	11.28	3.21	6.30	8.08	

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Fanning	7.45	11.30	Shatin	6.30	10.15
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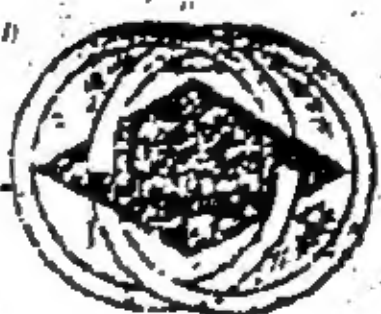
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"HAPPY RUSSIA." LABOUR LEADERS' REPORT.

The delegation of the Trade Union Congress, who returned from Russia recently, have issued a preliminary report of the impressions they received of that vast country during their six weeks' tour. According to this statement their hosts were able to show sufficient to convince them that "Russia, under Soviet rule, has earned a permanent place among European nations"; but the eulogy concludes with a significant reference to "millions of new capital," which can be obtained only from individualistic States, the destruction of which is the avowed object of the Soviet Government.

Messrs. A. A. Purcell, Ben Tillett, Ben Turner, Herbert Smith, J. Bromley, A. Finley, and F. Bramley formed the delegation, and the report, of which the full text is given below, was signed on their behalf by Mr. Purcell (chairman) and Mr. Bramley (secretary).

The delegation, appointed by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to visit Russia, returned to London, recently. During the six weeks' tour the delegation travelled over 8,000 miles, visiting some of the most important industrial centres in Russia; for the purpose of investigating the industrial, social, and economic conditions prevailing under Soviet rule. A full report of the delegation's activities will appear in a few weeks, which, it is hoped, will effectively remove many misunderstandings with regard to Russian affairs, mainly due to the misrepresentation of the political platform and Press. The investigations have covered several industries, including transport, mining, boot factories, printing, engineering and electrical undertakings, railway shops, oil fields, water power, electrical schemes, ware-houses, distributive establishments, and the several economic departments responsible for the administrative control of industries.

Social institutions, such as hospitals, rest houses, workmen's clubs, holiday homes, and children's homes, have also been visited in connection with the investigations into the working of State insurance schemes for dealing with unemployment and the health of the workers and their dependants. Facilities have been given for free entry into all Government institutions, and interviews readily arranged. Documents, charts, and reports have been supplied, and expert-translators are now at work preparing detailed material for the publication of the full report. The delegation have to place on record the following summary of their general conclusions:

"ENORMOUS IMPROVEMENT."
1.—The social, industrial, and economic conditions of Russia have enormously improved since the visit of the British Delegation in 1920. Members of both delegations, and the expert advisers formerly residing in Russia for rapid process of economic restoration now operating under the direction of the Union of Socialist Republics.
2.—The financial stability of Russia is more secure than was expected. The Russians have almost balanced their Budget, and have restored their productivity relative to the pre-war standard at a rate which compares favourably with the general European average.

3.—The industrial undertakings are being rapidly developed, especially those responsible for electrical power and equipment. The high degree of organising administrative capacity, and the enthusiasm of the workers under the new system of State ownership, deeply impressed the delegation.

4.—The housing conditions of the workers are being rapidly improved. New housing schemes making provision for the erection of model cottages superior to some of the Government houses provided in Great Britain are being pushed forward with great energy and ability.

5.—A great effort is being made to eliminate illiteracy, and many kinds of educational activity are being promoted, and are being generously subsidised and urged forward by the Union of Socialist Republics and trade union organisations.

6.—Workmen's clubs, holiday homes, and rest houses are also being used for the education of the illiterates, including children and adults, and the proportion of the working-class population without education is being reduced very rapidly.

7.—The administrative departments of the Soviet State are well organised and efficiently controlled, especially those to which the members of the delegation devoted special attention, namely, those dealing with State insurance for health, unemployment, and the medical care of the workers and their dependants.

"RELIGIOUS FREEDOM."

8.—Religious institutions have complete freedom to exercise their religious beliefs, and members of the delegation visited churches and mosques during the services, but the church has been disestablished, and is now entirely maintained by voluntary contributions, and no religious instruction is given in schools or other educational institutions.

9.—Every effort is being made to improve the moral life of Russia, and prostitution, gambling, and other vices are being rapidly eliminated by educational effort and drastic State regulations.

10.—By the creation of workers' clubs, rest houses, sport and physical centres trade union organisations are securing for their members trade union benefits and an addition to real wages, which is much appreciated.

Many other important changes will be referred to and dealt with in the report, which will contain the necessary information to justify the trade union and labour policy supporting the full diplomatic and economic recognition of Russia. The report will also prove that millions of new capital could be properly and safely invested in the development of the enormous economic possibilities of Russia, and fully justify the claim made on behalf of British Labour that Russia

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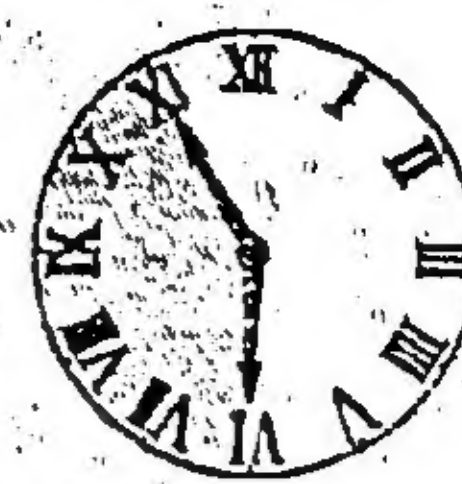
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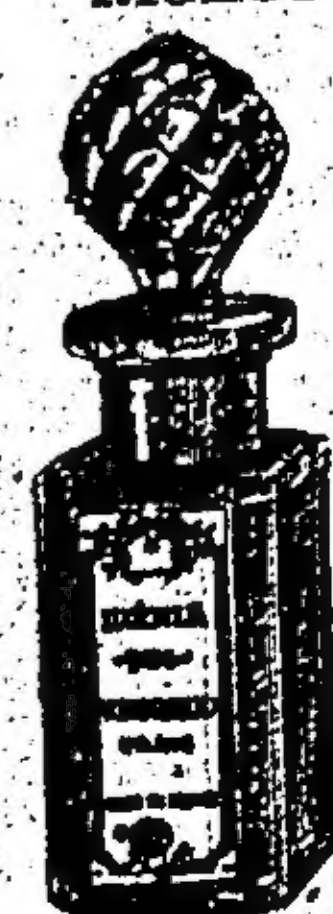
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	Year ended Sept. 30th, 1924.	1923.
Net profits	£1,868,388	£1,496,372
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—made by the Minister of Transport,
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A person acquiring an unlicensed
vehicle can register it and obtain a
licence from the authority (county or
county borough council) in whose area
the vehicle is purchased. For example,
a Surrey resident buying a car in
Covey can obtain a licence from the
Covey Council and drive the car
home.

A solo motor-cycle must carry the
licence on the near side in front of the
driving seat; with sidecar, licence to be
carried on near side of cycle handlebar
or near side of combination.

Number plates with detachable letters
or figures are prohibited; cast or pressed
aluminium plates are allowed.

A motorist surrendering his licence can
obtain a refund on annual licences of one-
twelfth amount paid for each completed
unexpired month, less surrender fee of
10s.

It is estimated that the effect in the
year 1925 of the new licence rates will be
that the motoring interests of the coun-
try will benefit to the extent of £250,000.

£20,000,000 A MONTH.

GERMANY IMPORTING GOODS SHE CANNOT PAY FOR.

The Berlin correspondent of the London
Daily Mail writes:

Statistics on Germany's trade during
November, just published, show that
while the imports of food, raw material,
and finished goods amount to £28,400,000,
the exports reached only £23,150,000.
Germany has thus consumed in one
month more than £20,000,000 worth of
goods for which she is unable to pay.

There are, no "invisible" exports,
such as revenue from shipping or bank-
ing, or dividends on foreign investments,
to help make up this difference. In
October the deficit was £12,200,000 and in
September £2,950,000, so that things ap-
pear rapidly to be getting worse. Instead
of reckoning that this fact shows un-
pardonable extravagance, most of the
Berlin papers are using the figures against
trade treaties Germany has already
arranged with other countries, but which
are not yet ratified.

JAVA STATE RAILWAYS.

TEN COUNTRIES FURNISHING MATERIAL.

Ten countries are contributing, says the
Far Eastern Review, to the moderniza-
tion of the Java state railways, which
are equipping with modern cars and
trailers for suburban passenger service
a section that includes the cities of
Batavia and Moerker Cornelis. England,
the United States, India, Holland,
France, Belgium, Cuba, Switzerland,
Canada and Germany are furnishing
material for the work.

The United States is contributing the
major part of the electrical equipment,
the rubberoid for the roofs, the devices
for coupling in emergency to the exist-
ing steam trains, the vestibule buffers,
the pneumatic door opening mechanisms,
and the car seats.

The General Electric Company of
America is electrically equipping ten of
the cars. India is furnishing the test
wood for the roofs. France is contribut-
ing the wood for the floors. The all-steel
bodies are being built in Holland. The
window glass, wheels and axles are from
Belgium, and the machinery for motor-
trains from Cuba. Switzerland is supply-
ing the wiring devices, and Canada the
asbestos linings. The truck springs
are from Germany, and the air brakes
from England.

Kent has probably a greater number
of peculiarly named places than any
other of the counties, including such un-
expected names as: "Deat de Lion,"
"Each End," "Love Street," "Monday
Boys," "Mud Row," "Noah's Ark,"
"Paradise Street," "Provender," "The
Farthing," "Wheelbarrow Town," and
"Odd Wives Lane." Sussex has a
"Chilly Green," a "Bachelor's Bump,"
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Shanghai Docks	104/0
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H.K. & S. Hotels (new)	117/0
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Shanghai Cottons	104/0
Oriental	112/0
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MESSAGE TO SHANGHAI. RESTORATION OF ORDER AND PEACEFUL INTENT.

CHANG APPEALS TO FOREIGNERS AND CHINESE.

General Chang Chung Chang, Commander-in-Chief of the First Fengtien Army, asked our Shanghai contemporary last week to publish the following statement:

"Please tell the people of Shanghai, through the *North China Daily News*, that I have not brought my army here for any ulterior purpose or for further fighting and that there is no need whatsoever for them to be alarmed. We have come to maintain peace and to preserve order as well as to round up the remnants of the old Kiangsu Army which has been giving China so much trouble of late. We have come here to collect these defeated men and deserters because they are a constant menace to the safety of the people and to peace and order.

REHABILITATION OF SHANGHAI.
"When we have finished our work I hope to be able to persuade the Central Government and Marshal Lu Yung Hsiang (Tupin of Kiangsu) to issue an order for me to withdraw my men from Shanghai to the north. For the present we shall work for the rehabilitation of Shanghai and await further orders.

"Tell my foreign friends that it is my sincere hope to co-operate with them and I trust that they will co-operate with me in the maintenance of peace and order, which is so essential to the peace of this part of China, the Settlements not excepted. Already I have received much assistance from the Municipal authorities and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I have many foreign friends, having met them wherever I have been, and I have no doubt that I shall make many more acquaintances during my stay in Shanghai.

REASSURANCE FOR CHINESE.
"Will you also convey a message through your columns to my fellow Chinese citizens, especially those living in Chinese territory under my jurisdiction. Urge them not to be alarmed at the many false rumours circulated by interested, but unscrupulous persons, because we hope to build up a strong, reliable and honest government. Tell them to live in peace and to carry out their usual routine, as there is absolutely nothing to be worried over. Tell the merchants to continue their business and not to be scared. If my troops give them any trouble, they have only to report to me and I will see that proper punishment is meted out to the offenders.

"I have not come here with warlike intentions and I hope that war has now ceased once and for all. Had it not been for the antagonistic attitude of Chi Hsieh Yuan and his original attack on my men we should never have fought. We tried to maintain peace but he tried to frustrate our efforts. However, the fighting is now over and I do not anticipate any more unless we are attacked, but we do not think there is any occasion for anybody to attack us as we are now all under the orders of the Central Government.

"We shall strain every effort to get along well with the people wherever we go and do not mean to antagonize them. Should there be Volunteers, Protectionary Forces and Police in the different districts we shall endeavour to co-operate with them. We are always at the service of the Chambers of Commerce and representative public organizations and we hope that they will draw our attention to any faults which we may have and give us their valued advice.

THE ARSENAL.
"Regarding the Arsenal, we shall act in accordance with the order of the Central Government and see that it is placed under the charge of the Chinese General and Shanghai District Chambers of Commerce. However, I cannot act until I receive definite orders from Peking regarding its disposal. I hope to see the Arsenal removed from Shanghai altogether or transformed into an industrial works. I hope that the troops here may be withdrawn in as short a time as possible and that the district may be placed under the civil administration. Thus we may hope to see the bottom of Shanghai's troubles uprooted and destroyed once and for all.

"All disbanded troops will be gathered together, given sufficient money, clothing and food, and repatriated.
"Orders have been issued to the members of our army forbidding the impressing of labourers into military service. This has been a fault in the past and we hope to rectify it in the future.
"I hope all merchants will be honest in their dealings and not raise the prices of their goods. A fair price must be fixed on each article and must be adhered to. No attempt to squeeze will be tolerated and steps will be taken to punish those who disobey this order."

(Continued on next column.)

OPIUM COMBINE CASE. INTERESTING APPLICATION AT SHANGHAI.

The existence of an organization for the importation and distribution of opium on an enormous scale was alleged by counsel in proceedings resumed at the Mixed Court at Shanghai on January 30th, in connexion with the Canton Road opium case.

The matter first came to light on application being made to the court on behalf of Mr. N. E. B. Ezra and a Georgian subject named Dadanashvili, who wished to make a claim against a number of Chinese in respect of a cargo of opium, valued at \$1,250,000, said to have been shipped from Constantinople to Vladivostok but diverted to Shanghai. The proceedings came before Mr. A. J. Martin (British Assessor) and Magistrate Kuan, but application was made for an adjournment to the Spanish Assessor's court, it being alleged that Spanish interests were involved. Mr. Ezra claiming to be a Spanish protégé.

In asserting his Spanish nationality Mr. Ezra said that the record was in the archives of the British Consulate, and added: "I attended before Sir Everard Fraser with Mr. Hughes and my name was struck off the list. I made a declaration that I was not naturalized when of age and that I wished to follow my father's nationality."

The Assessor—Can you produce that? Mr. Ezra—it is in the archives. It is not in my possession.

The Assessor—Can you give the date? Mr. Ezra—October, 1911.

The Assessor—I shall want you to produce proof. The Court will deal with this case unless you produce satisfactory evidence.

M. du Pac—But he is a Spanish protégé.

The Assessor—He has produced no proof that he is not a British subject, and we have his own statement that he was born in India.

In remanding the case, the British Assessor announced that the next hearing would be before himself.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

K.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Kowloon Cricket Club's annual Lawn Tennis Tournament will commence on Monday, March 16th. The events will comprise Men's Championship Singles, Men's Scratch Doubles (players to enter in pairs), Handicap Singles "A", Handicap Singles "B", Handicap Doubles (players to enter in pairs), Ladies' Championship Singles (open only to relatives of members), and Mixed Handicap Doubles (players to enter in pairs). Entries close on Sunday, March 8th.

HOCKEY.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in the first of the triangular tournament matches for the Sim Shield against the Navy at the U.S.R.C. at 5 p.m. to-day:—P. W. F. Mills, A. A. Dand, A. S. Hett, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. B. Mitchell (capt.), L. P. Ralph, G. E. Mori, W. J. Woodward, G. J. Jones, F. L. Sim, and R. D. Evans.

"ST. JOAN."

Advance Booking for the Gala performance in aid of the St. Paul's Restoration Fund opens on Friday, the 6th inst., continuing until Saturday. General Booking opens on Monday, the 9th inst. Those holding vouchers are advised to book early to secure good seats. It would be greatly appreciated if the ladies who have kindly undertaken the distribution of advance tickets would communicate with Mrs. Holyoak (Tel. Peak 18) as to the number they have disposed of, not later than this evening.

SHANGHAI AS SPECIAL AREA.

The Peking Correspondent of the *North China Daily News* telegraphing on the 30th inst. said:—
"Now that the military situation has been cleared up the government has decided, I understand, to make Shanghai into a special administrative area under control of a Tupan. This is intended to prevent any further inter-provincial rivalry for direct or indirect jurisdiction over Shanghai.

Having come to this decision, a committee is now engaged in studying the question of future boundaries of the new area—whether to adhere to the limits set under the old Defence Commissionship or to carve out an entirely new zone. The chief merit of the project is that the Tupan will be responsible solely to the Government in Peking. It is interesting to note that this is a harking back to Yuan Shih Kai's original idea when he first created the Defence Commissionship. The Government hopes by the appointment of a Tupan whose affiliation is solely with the Central Government that the problem of Chinese administration in Shanghai will be solved once for all.

There is no indication as yet who will be appointed to the Tupanship, but it is felt that the office should be given to a man strong enough to resist any influence that might be brought to bear on him from either Hangchow or Nanking.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

An Examination for New Boys will be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, at 10 a.m., at the school (6 Prospect Place, Bonham Road).

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Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, January 31st, 1925. [1795]

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 7th February, 1925, at 10 A.M.
All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamship's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th February, 1925, will be subject to Rent.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESSE (FAR EAST), LTD.,
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All Claims against the Steamship must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 23rd inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst., at 10 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1925. [1805]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamship must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th February, will be subject to Rent.

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H.E. Major-General Sir John S. Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who for the past three years has been the General Officer Commanding the British Forces in China, is leaving for home on Saturday. Last night a public dinner was given to the General on the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., presided over a representative gathering numbering upwards of a hundred well-known residents. The guest of the evening sat on the Chairman's left and H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) on his right.

At the conclusion of dinner and after the toast of "The King," proposed by the Chairman, had been duly honoured.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., said:—Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency and Gentlemen,—The very pleasing task has been assigned to me this evening of proposing the health of our guest Major-General Sir John Fowler.—(Applause.)

The task is a very pleasing one to perform because we all of us here know Sir John and hold him in the highest possible esteem and regard.—(Applause.) I believe it is usual on occasions like the present to regale the guest of the evening with a sort of obituary notice, of himself and recount for his benefit, probably more or less accurately, his career from the time he left school up to date.

I have no intention of following any such dismal procedure, on the present festive occasion. As you are all aware, before he came to us, three years ago, General Fowler had a very distinguished career in the Army. He first saw foreign service for some years on the North-Western frontier of India in various expeditions and in the Central Expedition he gained the Distinguished Service Order, and was mentioned in dispatches. Later on General Fowler performed special service duty in the South African war during the whole period of that war, and, coming down to recent times, he was in the European Great War of 1914-18 from the first moment of the war to the very finish, and he had most important duties as Director of Signalling throughout the war. In recognition of his services he received first of all the Companionship of the Bath, and later on, the Knight Commandership of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George and was promoted to the rank of Major-General. Generals who serve in this Colony now-a-days have not, perhaps, quite such an interesting time as their predecessors had when I first came to the Colony, because in those days it was the custom of the General Officer Commanding to act for the Governor in his absence. No such duties have been within the reach of Sir John Fowler in the changed conditions which exist here to-day, but he is more fortunate than some of his predecessors in that he has been associated with one action which very nearly affects us for our good. It has been during his term of office that the transfer of the military lands question has been settled. It had been discussed here for several years and the removal of the military establishments from the business parts of the Colony is now, happily, in course of consummation and I hope we may still further trespass upon our guest's good offices in asking that he will encourage his successor to go on with the good work, and also, so far as he can express to the War Office the desirability of the troops being removed from the central part of the City to some more remote site.—(Laughter)—where they will not interfere with the commercial and trade developments of this Colony. (Hear, hear.)

In private life Sir John Fowler has gained our very warm regards for he is known to us as a keen sportsman, a genial host, a courteous gentleman and a valued friend.—(Applause.) Before I formally ask you to drink to the health of our guest, I will ask my honourable colleague, Mr. Chow Shou Son, to say a few words on behalf of the Chinese Community of which many members are with us this evening.

A CHINESE TRIBUTE.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son said:—Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Sir John Fowler and Gentlemen,—I am much gratified at having been asked to be the spokesman for my fellow Chinese hosts this evening because not only is Sir John highly respected by the Chinese Community, but he is also one whom I have the honour to count as my personal friend. From time immemorial we Chinese have learnt to respect those men who by dint of their own efforts, talents and commanding personality have risen to be leaders of men, and I am sure that this is a very proper occasion for us Chinese to do honour to such a distinguished personage as our General Officer Commanding, Sir John Fowler.—(Applause.) I can assure Sir John that the number of Chinese hosts would have been many times larger but for the limited accommodation of this place. But lack of numbers is more than counterbalanced by the goodwill and sincerity of those present who represent many of the most important commercial and banking interests of the Colony.

I have much pleasure in endorsing every word that has been said by my honourable friend Sir Henry Pollock, particularly on the subject of the proposed removal of the military establishments from the Central part of the City to Kowloon. Sir John has shown genuine regard for the highest interests of the Colony, and he has proved himself to be a real sportsman as well as a good soldier. A man is sometimes liable to become biased in his own particular line, but, fortunately for Hongkong, Sir John has shown himself to be broad-minded, reasonable and far-seeing. When the removal of the military establishments becomes an accomplished fact—I sincerely hope he will do his best to hasten it—Sir John's name will be cherished in Hongkong as one of the Colony's greatest benefactors. I and I speak for my Chinese colleagues also, will miss his genial presence in the Council Chamber. I am sure, Gentlemen, you will all join me in wishing Sir John and Lady Fowler and the family a very pleasant voyage home and the three blessings which we Chinese are accustomed to wish to our friends—Happiness, Honour and Longevity.—(Applause.)

Major-General Sir John Fowler rising to reply said: Your Excellency, Sir Paul and Gentlemen of Hongkong: It is a very great honour that you have done me in asking me to come to be your guest here to-night. I thoroughly appreciate it, and very much value the kind remarks that have been made by Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. Chow Shou Son. It is a matter that I am very proud of that this gathering should be so representative of all classes of the community of Hongkong. When I first came here I found on my table some work of reference which, after describing Hongkong and its maximum and minimum temperatures, etc., said that there was one blot on the landscape—it was the military garrison which might quite well be dispensed with. Well, Gentlemen, I am not convinced that that feeling was very general in Hongkong and I do not think it is so at the present time. Hongkong has always had a tremendous reputation for its hospitality, and I think the community for its hospitality to me personally and to the garrison. I have received the greatest hospitality from all your Associations and Clubs. You have a tremendous number of sportsmen who could hold their own in all forms of sport—racing, yachting, games, football and cricket. To the garrison here you extend the hospitality of all these Associations and all good fellowship. I wish to thank you all very much for that hospitality.

THE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

While I have been here in Hongkong one of the things I have been interested in is your Volunteer Corps which, you may take my word for it, is a very much alive organisation and an accession of strength to the military forces of this Colony. (Applause.) I know that there are people who say "You don't want a Volunteer Force at all when you have got a garrison." But, Gentlemen, the garrison here is small and they have got a number of duties to perform and, there is no doubt about it, the stronger you are the less likely you are to be attacked. It has no aggressive object, but is merely for protection here in Hongkong and I would like public feeling here to be entirely enlisted in their favour so that the community will do all they can to support the Corps and make it easy for the Volunteers.

SOLDIERS AND SPORT.

Perhaps you may have heard that the garrison soldiers are very keen on getting recreation grounds. You may say that these are idle soldiers who come here only to play games. I assure you this is not the case. Here you have a very small garrison and we want to do our best to make them efficient. Your climate and your surrounding country do not entirely lend themselves to efficient training. The only substitute for that is to do a certain amount of physical exercise—play games. For that you want these recreation grounds. We try to foster in every way we can in the garrison an interest in games—team work in games. We don't want to develop single men as great Champions, but we want to raise the whole level of athletics in the Colony. You have done a great deal to help us in that way and I thank you for having done it. But don't say we are idle soldiers because we play games.

THE MILITARY LANDS.

There is one other point that is very occasionally referred to and that is the question of the military lands. I know it is a question that has been with you for very many years. I can quite sympathise with the feeling of this Community when they see the military barracks have desirable sites which are near to the centres of business, the telegraph office, and to the Club. (Laughter.) I think it has been said that these soldiers can go anywhere, but when you come to look about for other sites you find it a little bit difficult. I have walked, ridden and flown over the whole of the territory looking for sites where you could comfortably place the garrison. There are one or two points to consider, first, there is the health of the troops. All places here, unfortunately, are not healthy, and we don't want to have a repetition of the story which is told on the headstones in the graveyards of Stanley. We do want recreation grounds for the men to keep themselves fit. You don't want to put your men, their wives and their families far away from all social amenities, and you don't want them put in places where it is too expensive to live. These are some of the considerations that come in when you try to find another place for the garrison.

Gentlemen, I have received the greatest hospitality here in Hongkong. I am now in my fortieth year of service, and I have got an uncomfortable feeling during the last few days that this is the last time I shall be doing this, that and the other. I shall always look back to my service in Hongkong with the greatest pleasure and not the least pleasant of my memories will be the kind words that have been said of me here this evening. Gentlemen, I wish you all the very best of luck. (Applause.)

The gathering terminated with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

The hosts included the following gentlemen:—

Sereno C. de Albuquerque (Consul for Portugal), Mr. J. Abe, Mr. C. Arema, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. H. Birkett, Dr. G. D. Black, Mr. F. V. Botelho, Capt. Brodie, Capt. Bennett, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Col. Russell Brown.

Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. Chau Siu Ki, Mr. Chau Tsun Men, Mr. Allan Cameron, Lieut. Churche.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, Capt. Dowbiggin, Hon. Mr. Montagu Ede (absent).

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Col. Fitzgerald.

Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Justice H. H. Gompertz, Sir George Gibb.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. B. A. Hale, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. W. J. Hawker.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. J. E. Kemp, Mr. Kwok Siu Lau, Mr. Kan Tung Po, Mr. Kwok Yau Ting and Mr. I. Kawaguchi.

Mr. Li Po Kwai, Mr. Li Ping, Mr. Lo Chung Kiu, Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Li Tse Fong.

Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Capt. Macready, Mr. Ma Chui Chiu, Mr. Mok Ching Kwong, Mr. Mok Kon Sang, Mr. Mok Mun Chi, Capt. Neville.

Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. R. E. Ost, Major Oakes, Mr. Y. Oshaka, Mr. E. H. O'Farrell.

Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. C. A. da Roza.

Sir Claud Severn, Mr. H. Percy Smith, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. K. Shihabara, Mr. F. M. N. da Silva, Mr. E. V. M. R. da Sousa, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Lieut. Searle.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lieut.-Col. Chevenix-Trench, Dr. S. W. Tao, Mr. Teussey Pei, Mr. B. W. Tape, Mr. Y. Tautumi, Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Mr. H. P. White, Mr. B. H. B. Wade, Major Warton, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Mr. Wong Ping Sun, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. Y. Yamamoto.

The arrangements for the dinner were in charge of the following Committee:—

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G. (Chairman), Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C. (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. C. Montagu Ede, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. H. P. White, Lieut. Col. T. A. Robertson (Hon. Secretary).

COURT OF THREE JUDGES.

BANK OF EAST ASIA CASES.

ALLEGED FORGED CHEQUES.

The hearing of the application on behalf of the Bank of East Asia for the re-hearing of a case in which it is alleged that there had been a swindle, was continued yesterday in the Full Court (comprising Sir Skinner Turner, K.C., Sir Henry Gollan, and His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz).

At the previous day's hearing it was alleged that a man named Lau Sze Yuen, the Hongkong partner of the plaintiff respondent firm was a party to the swindle. It was stated that the case was heard before Sir William Rees Davies in January of last year, when the Tai Wo Company sued the Bank of East Asia for \$72,000, money lent, and obtained judgment.

The Bank was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared on behalf of the Tai Wo Company.

Dealing with the hearing of the case before Sir William Rees Davies, Mr. Jenkin said yesterday that the only one issue before the Court then was that which the Judge refused to allow to go to the Jury. It was borne out strongly by the Judge's own notes of what took place, and the direction he gave to the Jury was to this effect. He stated that he would have preferred to take the opinion of the Jury but under the circumstances he could not do so for this reason. It was established that the signature of Lau Sze Yuen, which had been alleged to be genuine by the defendants, the Bank, was not genuine, and Counsel for the defendants had now asked that the Jury should determine the question as to whether or not this signature had been put on with the connivance of Lau Sze Yuen. This was the issue the Judge said he could not let go to the Jury, as it involved a grave charge of conspiracy and fraud against the plaintiffs, and he therefore directed the Jury to return a verdict in the favour of plaintiffs.

They were here, said Mr. Jenkin, more or less to judge the action of the trial Judge who sat here for 12 years, and he was called upon to defend what he did. Sir Skinner Turner said that the view of the Court was that the real point before them now was: was there a live issue before the Court on which there was evidence to go to the Jury, and therefore, was the trial Judge not wrong in withdrawing it from the Jury?

NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

After hearing the arguments he was of the opinion that there was evidence which should have gone to the Jury in the case, and, therefore, he ordered a new trial. Both Sir Henry Gollan and His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz concurred. The question of costs would be reserved.

MR. J. H. N. MODY'S APPEAL.

The case in which the Bank of East Asia sued Mr. J. H. N. Mody, a well-known legal broker, for the recovery of \$77,434.86 on April 11th, 1924, when Sir William Rees Davies gave judgment for plaintiffs, was recalled yesterday afternoon, when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., made an application on behalf of Mr. Mody that the whole of the decision of the Chief Justice should be reversed, and that judgment be entered for the defendant, and that the costs of the action, including the costs of appeal, be paid by plaintiffs.

The Bank sued Mr. Mody for the recovery of \$77,434.86, an amount of money for which, it was stated, he stood as guarantor in an exchange transaction during June, 1921, a few weeks before the Banque Industrielle closed its doors in Hongkong. Mr. Mody was given judgment on a counter-claim against the plaintiff for nearly \$6,000, which he claimed as brokerage due to him.

It was stated that on June 7th plaintiffs contracted to buy, through Mr. Mody, the sum of £10,000 in sterling from the Banque Industrielle de Chine at the exchange rate of 2s. 7d., the money to be paid to the London agents (the London Joint City and Midland Bank) on the following day.

The plaintiffs asserted that in consideration thereof the plaintiffs in Hongkong paid into the Hongkong branch of the Banque Industrielle the sum of \$77,434.86. The Banque failed to deliver the £10,000 to their London agents, and they also failed to repay the amount lodged and therefore, as Mr. Mody was guarantor of the contract which had been broken, and also as the Bank of East Asia refused the contract until the defendant had become the guarantor, they were suing him for the money paid into the Hongkong branch of the Banque Industrielle.

The statement of defence was to the effect that without defendant's knowledge or consent the Bank of East Asia by and through their London agents had altered the terms of the contract, thereby prejudicing the defendant. In London the agents had altered the terms of the contract to read "deliver after confirmation from the Paris office of the Banque Industrielle." His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs.

Mr. Alabaster, K.C., appeared yesterday to represent appellant, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, was for respondents.

Mr. Alabaster said that appellant's case was that he was released from the guarantee. The obligation to begin rested on defendant, and evidence was given and the case argued. No evidence was given by the other side. The case rested on law, and the Chief Justice accepted the other side.

Their Lordships adjourned the hearing until this morning.

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1925. [1819]

NOTICE.

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1st, 1925, the Agency of the COLUMBIA PACIFIC SHIPPING COMPANY, PORTLAND, OREGON, in the Port of Hongkong and all Ports within its jurisdiction.

Up to and including February 9th, my Address will be care ARNOLD & CO. LTD., THE HONGKONG TRAMWAYS COMPANY, and the OREGON ORIENTAL LINE will be No. 28, BANK OF CANTON BUILDING.

E. W. LATIE,
Agent.

[1810]

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission of His Majesty's Treasury, London, to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICER, until 11 o'clock A.M., on the 5th FEBRUARY, 1925. The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer Funds will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICER, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 55, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the benefit of the Company."

R. DOBBIN, Lt.-Col.,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1925. [1774]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of February, 1925, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Kau Pui Shek in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
2	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
3	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
4	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
5	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
6	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
7	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
8	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
9	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of February, 1925, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of Three Lots of CROWN LAND, near Tuen Wan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
2	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	1,000	10,000
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All Claims against the Steamship must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 9th February, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1925. [1813]

THE DUNLOP RUBBER CO. (CHINA), LTD. hereby Give Notice of Having REMOVED Their Office to HONGKONG HOTEL ANNEXE BUILDING, Second Floor, Entrance Next Door Hongkong Hotel, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1925. [1789]

WE HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED TO GROUND FLOOR OF CHINA BUILDING (Facing Queen's Theatre), C. E. WARREN & CO., LTD., Sanitary Engineers.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1925. [1798]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LEWIS ALBERT TOBIAS having by Mutual Agreement severed his Connection with us, his Authority to Sign Our Name Per Procuration is WITHDRAWN from THIS DATE.

JOSEPH GOULD & CO., Share and General Brokers.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1925. [1801]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd FEBRUARY to the 9th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1925. [1768]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the GRIFFIN BUILDING, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 9th FEBRUARY to SATURDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1925. [1802]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th AND 21st.

TICKETS of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs KELLY & WALSH or at the Gate. Price—\$3.00 per day.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform \$1.00 per day.

No One Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Treasurers.

[1807]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, AND 21st.

MEMBERS' Delegates of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

[1808A]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, AND 21st.

THE Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.

Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925. [1808B]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, AND 21st.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

[1807C]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, AND 21st.

MEMBERS have the Privilege of Intro ducing Two Non-members to the Members Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before SATURDAY the 14th of FEBRUARY, 1925, Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1925, at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose of Confirming the Resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd January, 1925.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

[1800]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, and a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, to THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1925. [1724]

THE HONGKONG INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. ARNOLD, MASON & CO., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY to THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1925. [1809]

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BIRTHS.

ALSTON.—At Puchen, on January 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ALSTON, a daughter.

BRODIE.—At Shanghai, on January 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. KIERAN BRODIE, a son.

CLEMENT.—At Amoy, on January 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. CLEMENT, a son.

GOLDENBERG.—At 94, Nathan Road, on February 3rd, at 4 a.m., to Mr. and Mrs. W. GOLDENBERG, a daughter.

SEDOVICK.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. SEDOVICK, a son.

TERRY.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. E. TERRY, a daughter.

DEATHS.

KOCK.—At Shanghai, on January 21st, after a short illness, CHARLES KOCK, aged 58 years.

RITCHIE.—At Shanghai, on January 25th, JOHN, eldest son of JOHN RITCHIE, Macduff, Scotland.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 4th, 1925.

BRIGHTER TRADE PROSPECTS.

We are told in one of the London papers that there is a widespread belief in banking and commercial circles that the end has come to the long period of depression that began in 1921. The figures of the bankers' clearing house show that there has lately been a large increase in the circulation of money. Unemployment is slowly but steadily decreasing; while the volume of overseas trade in 1924 exceeded that of 1923 by £200,000,000. Hopes of reduced taxation, better trade with the Dominions, and an improvement in European conditions are among the causes of the optimism that prevails. But the main basis of all hopes of this kind must be effort. It is not sufficient to accept the assurance that the new Government appreciates the necessity of doing everything possible to help trade development by which alone unemployment can be cured. That is the aspiration of every new Government. It is, however, patent that the present political conditions at home are generally

regarded as favourable to a recovery in trade, and that in itself is an excellent ground for the optimism that prevails. The real problem still is, as one of the London papers pertinently remarks, "how to manufacture cheaply enough to sell British goods abroad." We must find some £50,000,000 a month to pay for food and another £50,000,000 a month to pay for raw materials. That can only be done by increasing our exports; and we cannot increase our exports if our foreign competitors manufacture, as cheaply as ourselves, or actually produce at a lower price." This is a conclusion that cannot be denied. The outlook for the British manufacturer is expected distinctly to improve if the Government's new measure for safeguarding British industries is applied "resolutely and skilfully."

While this may not increase exports it would undoubtedly have the effect of reducing unemployment. Nevertheless, it is bound to create general public dissatisfaction if the operation of the Act serves to maintain prices on a very high level. Mr. SANDEMAN ALLEN, M.P., Chairman of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, goes to the heart of the matter when he says that "the future of trade and industry depends mostly upon the amount of work those concerned are prepared to put into it, whether they are employers or employees. With intense competition, it becomes increasingly necessary to adopt more scientific methods." What seems equally essential is that some relief from the pressing burden of taxation should be secured.

The "Daily Mail" emphasizes this in a very striking paragraph. "Every business man," it says, "is agreed that taxation, national and local, is now on a most extravagant scale and that this is a deadly handicap to trade. It is nonsense to tell us that no relief is possible. Our whole system of administration since the war has become too complicated and too costly. Our Civil Service managed to conduct the business of administration in 1913 for £24,000,000. In the present year it is costing £227,000,000, or, deducting war pensions, about £155,000,000. That is to say, the amount which it eats up has been nearly trebled, whereas our exports since the war have only increased in value about 50 per cent. The cost of local government has also risen nearly as heavily. It cannot be too often repeated that a nation of shopkeepers (and such we have to be to live) cannot afford this vast and unnecessary outlay on officialdom." A Government which "appreciates the necessity of doing everything possible to help trade development" cannot avoid giving its earnest attention to the serious obstacle which excessive taxation offers to a cheapening of the costs of production. There may be some hope of a slight relief as a result of the recent discussions regarding war debts, but we fear that the process of reducing the extraordinarily high outlay on the Civil Service will be painfully slow. However, it is satisfactory to gather from the reports from the great industrial centres, that despite all these handicaps, steady improvement is noticeable in most of the leading branches of industry.

Mr. C. H. Blason is among the passengers on the *Patrolus* expected to-day.

Mr. L. E. Hopkins has been appointed manager of the P. & O. Bank in Hongkong in place of Mr. C. Champkin who has been transferred to Shanghai.

"Nirvana" will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 19, Queen's Road Central, at 8.45 p.m. to-day. The public are invited.—Advr.

There will be a lecture at the Helena May Institute on Friday, February 6th, at 5 p.m. for children entitled "The Flying Corps" by Squadron Leader C. F. Gordon, O.B.E., M.C., D.S.C.—Advr.

In connection with a recent robbery from a junk, reported in the *Daily Press*, when armed men boarded the vessel under pretence of being detectives and took away \$141, a watchman's arrest is now reported.

Before leaving her home in Namhong Street, Kowloon, for a short visit to Canton, a Chinese woman recently hid her family's savings (\$300), in a hole in the wall. On her return she discovered that the money had been stolen.

Among the latest cases of dog bites are those of Mr. Tully, of the A.P.O. at Shamshuipo, who was bitten by the dog of a British colleague; and Mr. J. Akker, who was attacked by a dog belonging to a Chinese woman of Morrison Hill Gap Road.

Archdeacon Moule is passing through Hongkong this week on the *Morra*. He preached his farewell sermon in China at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, last Sunday. With Mrs. Moule, he is going Home, for good, after 37 years' devoted missionary work in China.

An unemployed Chinese seaman was yesterday remanded for a week by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on charges of being a returned banished and of receiving a revolver and ammunition belonging to Mr. Walter Webb, knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Seven sewing machines were recently stolen from the Wai-san Knitting Factory, at Causeway Bay, and four have since been recovered from Canton. Two men who were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in connection with the affair, were remanded until to-day.

A return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the week ended January 31st shows 2 British cases of diphtheria (1 imported), and 2 British cases of enteric fever. The Chinese cases comprised 1 of small-pox, 2 of diphtheria, 1 of enteric fever, and 1 of cerebro-spinal fever. Among these, the small-pox case proved fatal, and there were 2 deaths from enteric fever and 1 from diphtheria. The return for the 24 hours ended February 2nd shows 1 British and 1 Chinese case of enteric fever; 1 Chinese case of small-pox, and 3 Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever.

TO AID NANNING MISSION. CONCERT AT CATHEDRAL HALL LAST NIGHT.

A concert in aid of the Nanning Mission, under the auspices of the Victoria Diocesan Association, took place yesterday evening in the Cathedral Hall, and was well attended. An excellent programme had been arranged, including selections by the Male Voice Choir, which were well received as Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Sir Claud Severn. Mr. Stanley Collett was the conductor of the Choir, and the accompanists were Mr. F. Mason, R.C.O., L.T.C.L., and Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

The programme was as follows:—
1. (a) O Peaceful Night German.
(b) Rest, Dearrest, Rest Kieken.
THE HONGKONG MALE VOICE CHOIR.
2. (a) Colin's Cattle
(b) Can Ye Sew Cushions?
Mrs. DEVEREAUX RANKIN.
3. (a) The Ribbon, the Rib and the Rose Charles Wilbey.
(b) Invincible Bruno Huhn.
4. (a) The Rose Morn Landon Ronald.
(b) The Nightingale has a Lyre of Gold Landon Ronald.
5. (a) The Midnight Guard Gretty.
(b) It's O, to be a Wild Wind, Elgar.
THE HONGKONG MALE VOICE CHOIR.
6. (a) The Enchanted Glade Lois Barker.
(b) The Lily Coningsby Clarke.
Mrs. DOUGLAS REID.

7. (a) False Philis Anon.
(b) The Pretty Creature Stephen Storace.
Sir CLAUD SEVERN.
8. The Shepherd's Song Elgar.
Mrs. A. M. BOWES-SMITH.
9. (a) An Evening's Pastoral Shaw.
(b) Departure Franz Abt.
THE HONGKONG MALE VOICE CHOIR.

THEATRE ROYAL. SMALL AUDIENCE ENJOYS MUSICAL TREAT.

Last night the "World Renowned Quartette" opened their season in Hongkong at the Theatre Royal, where they are to give five concerts this week.

The small audience was especially disappointing, in view of the character of the programme and the high standard of perfection each artist displayed.

Those present last night, however, gave the Quartette a splendid reception. Every number was vociferously applauded and encores were called for frequently.

The Quartette visit the Colony after a very successful run in India and the Straits. Mela, the violinist, one of the foremost to-day, has played in all the large cities on the Continent; Herbert Cave is an English tenor well-known throughout the British Isles; Dorothy Dawson Campbell is a brilliant pianist, who delighted the audience; and Percival Garratt, the well-known composer and accompanist, completes the quartette.

There will be a complete change of programme at each concert during the week, which should prove an attraction to those who missed last night's musical treat.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

HOME RAILWAY WORLD.

MR. CRAMP ANTICIPATES "MOST SERIOUS" TROUBLE.

LONDON, February 3rd.
"Most serious" trouble in the railway world is anticipated by Mr. Cramp, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, as a result of the Railway Managers to-day refusing the new wage demands of the Union and Railway Clerks' Association and submitting counter-proposals for big reductions. The Union's programme is far-reaching and the Companies estimate it will mean an increase of wages to the extent of £30,000,000 yearly.

CANADA'S FINANCES.

ARRANGING WITH LONDON FOR TREASURY BILE ISSUE.

LONDON, February 3rd.
It is announced that the Canadian Government is arranging with the London Market to replace the £5,000,000 loan with short term treasury bills. This is the first Canadian financial operation in London since the war, and reflects the improvement of sterling exchange with America.

DUTCH SHIPYARD DEAL.

PURCHASE BY SHELL GROUP AND ROTTERDAM DOCK CO.

AMSTERDAM, February 3rd.
The Royal Dutch Shell Group, jointly with the Rotterdam Dry Dock Company, has taken over the Nieuwe Waterweg Shipyards, near Schiedam.

EARLIER CABLES.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 2nd.
Interviewed regarding the Greek protest, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs said the Turkish Government intended to expel everyone subject to the operation of the exchange Convention. The Greeks could still appoint a Patriarch who was exempt from the stipulations of the Convention. Russia had once used the patriarchate for political purposes and Turkey was not going to allow a repetition.

LATEST CABLES.

FRENCH PRESS APPEAL.

PARIS, February 3rd.
While admitting the juridical basis of Turkey's standpoint, the papers here stress the necessity to prevent the Greco-Turkish conflict becoming worse and emphasize the Allies should take conciliatory action, especially urging M. Herriot to have talks with the Greek and Turkish Ministers to this effect.—Havas.

EARLIER CABLES.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

INDIAN POSITION RE-STATE IN SUB-COMMITTEE.

GENEVA, February 2nd.
At the meeting of the sub-committee of the Opium Conference, to-day, the Indian delegation submitted a detailed Note re-stating the Indian position. Mr. Chatterjee declared that India was the only producing country which had signed the Hague Convention and had carried it out. India had reduced the per capita consumption of opium to a figure as low or lower than European countries, and well below the figure agreed to by the committee of experts as permissible.

Another discussion continues to-morrow. The sub-committee approved of the articles dealing with the establishment of a permanent Central Board on Opium.

FURTHER PESSIMISM.

Dr. Sugimura (Japan) actively endeavored to conciliate the British and American views referring to fixing the date on which effective prohibition of the use of prepared opium in Far Eastern territories should commence, and on which agreement had not been reached.

Dr. Sugimura yesterday conferred at length with Viscount Cecil, and also with the French delegation. Apparently no side has been disposed to yield so far. Pessimism therefore again prevails, and the outcome of to-morrow's committee meeting is uncertain, but it is believed that Mr. Porter (America) is anxious to save the fruits of the second Opium Conference.

MALABAR HILL CASE.

INDORE ESTATES MANAGER UNDER ARREST.

BOMBAY, February 2nd.
The Indore Estates manager, namely, M. G. Indore, was arrested in connection with the Malabar Hill case. Accused was remanded in custody, after a preliminary hearing in camera.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

LORD BLANESBURGH APPOINTED AS BRITISH DELEGATE.

LONDON, February 2nd.
His Majesty King George has approved of the appointment of Lord Blanesburgh as the principal British delegate on the Reparations Commission, in succession to Sir John Bradbury. Lord Blanesburgh continues as Lord of Appeal.

FRANCE AND VATICAN.

ALSACE LORRAINE MISSION IS PROVIDED FOR.

PARIS, February 2nd.
In the course of the debate on the Foreign Estimates, the Chamber of Deputies approved by 314 votes to 230 Premier Herriot's policy in favour of the abolition of the Embassy at the Vatican, which was treated as a vote of confidence.

Premier Herriot agreed to the inclusion in the Estimates of provision for a mission to the Vatican to represent Alsace-Lorraine, which has a special concordat with the Holy See.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

THIRD ROUND CUP DRAW.

LONDON, February 2nd.

In the first division of the English League, Burnley beat Birmingham by 3 goals to 2.

In the second division, Port Vale defeated Bradford City by one to nil.

THIRD ROUND OF CUP.

Following is the draw for the third round of the English F.A. Cup, to be played on February 21st:

Southampton v. Bradford City.
Liverpool v. Birmingham.
Notts County v. Cardiff.
West Bromwich A. v. Aston Villa.
Sheffield U. v. Sunderland or Everton.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Bolton v. Blackburn or Portsmouth.
Hull v. Newcastle or Leicester.
West Ham v. Bradford or Blackpool.

CRICKET IN AFRICA.

MR. JOEL'S TEAM DRAW WITH BORDER ELEVEN.

EAST LONDON, Feb. 2nd.

The two-day match between a Border team and Mr. Joel's XI. was drawn. The Border side scored 200 runs.

Parker took five wickets for 38 runs. Mr. Joel's XI scored 311 runs for the loss of four wickets and declared.

MacBryan compiled 114 runs. The Border team scored 107 runs for the loss of five wickets.

Jamson took three wickets for 30 runs.

LATEST CABLES.

U.S. GOLD EXPORTS.

ATTRACT ATTENTION IN PRESS BUT CAUSE NO ANXIETY.

LONDON, February 3rd.
The Morning Post's correspondent at Washington states that the heavy exports of gold are attracting attention in the Press, but without arousing nervousness nor substantially affecting the markets. Twenty-eight million sterling in gold was exported in December and January. Financial circles anticipate heavy movements will continue for some time, due to the operation of the Anglo-American financial understanding with the object of fortifying the position of Britain preparatory to the return to the gold standard, since a large proportion of the exports are going to British centres like India and Australia, thus relieving London of strain and consequently not depressing the sterling exchange.

DOGS RACE WITH DEATH.

SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT MILES IN 127½ HOURS.

NOME, February 3rd.
One of the greatest dog-team races in the history of Alaska ended yesterday morning, when 300,000 units of diphtheria antitoxin were brought here by relays over 68 miles of snow and ice from Nenana. The time taken was 127½ hours, a world's record. The antitoxin was frozen when it arrived. The doctors do not yet know whether it will prove efficacious in arresting the epidemic among the Eskimos.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUM RUNNERS.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.
An interesting fact is disclosed in the report by the Department of Justice that of 332 foreign vessels identified by Government agents as being engaged in rum running last year, 207 flew the British flag. The Department, however, expresses satisfaction at the increasing disposition of foreign Governments to discourage organized efforts at contraband of the American laws.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI AND WOOSUNG.

FORTS TO BE DISMANTLED AND TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

SHANGHAI, February 3rd.
The local Chinese military authorities have agreed to the scheme of the demilitarisation of Shanghai, dismantlement of Woosung Forts and the appointment by Peking of a civilian as Tupan of Shanghai and Woosung.

The arsenal will be handed over to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to-morrow, and all troops will be withdrawn from Shanghai within the next few days.

If Peking agrees to the demilitarisation, which there is every indication it will, the above plans will completely satisfy the desires of both the Chinese and Foreign mercantile communities.

DR. SUN'S STOICISM.

"FATHER OF REPUBLIC" ACCEPTS MEDICAL VERDICT CALMLY.

PEKING, February 3rd.

To-day's bulletin states that Dr. Sun Yat Sen was weaker this morning, although his pulse was 110 and temperature normal.

The physicians in attendance have informed him of his real condition. He received the news calmly and bravely.

(FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN.")

RECEIVES PARTY LEADERS.

PEKING, February 2nd.

To-day's bulletin states that Sun Yat Sen passed a more comfortable night, and that he feels a little stronger. His pulse was 140 and his temperature 100.7 last night, and this morning his pulse was 124 and temperature 99.3.

Messrs. Sun Fo and Li Lich Chun and a group of Kuomintang leaders arrived in Peking this afternoon from the South, and they immediately went to the Peking Union Medical College Hospital.

Considerable importance is attached to their arrival.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

MANCHURIA WAR LORD URGES FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, February 2nd.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin telegraphed to the Government, urging the carrying out of formal Sino-Russian negotiations as soon as possible, and pointing out that Manchuria is keenly interested in these negotiations.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

HUKUANG RAILWAY BONDS.

COMMENT ON CHINA'S FAILURE TO PAY DECEMBER COUPON.

AN EXPLANATION OF DELAY.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Financial correspondents of newspapers comment warmly on China's failure to pay the December coupon of the German portion of the Hukuang Railway 5 per cent. loan, notwithstanding the official removal of the embargo last year.

It is understood the necessary funds are available and the delay is due to differences between the Chinese Government and distributing agencies. The newspapers hope, for the sake of the bondholders, and China's credit, steps will be taken promptly to end the delay.

(FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN.")

FIRE AT HANKOW.

DISASTROUS BLAZE AT WOOD OIL REFINERY.

HANKOW, February 2nd.

A fire this morning in the godown of the Yee Loong Trading Company, wood oil refiners, caused damage amounting to approximately Tls. 200,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

TURF TOPICS.

CHANCES OF SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS DISCUSSED.

PROSPECTS FOR THE CHAMPIONS.

[BY ARJUN.]

At the forthcoming annual meeting, the races confined to subscription griffins should provide more than usual excitement as upsets are generally expected among the talent. On the first day, the Valley Stakes (6 furlongs) is the sole race confined to this class of pony and should attract a large field since many of them can get the distance.

At the moment, Mr. Relyon's Uncle Dick still holds pride of place. Other ponies to be reckoned with are: Gilbert, Joe, Flying Star, Poppy Leaf, Douglas, King Louis, Tea Shop, Rodeo, Parra II, Monitor, Mowgli and Jimmie Lad.

While Mr. Relyon's pony has proved beyond question that he can stay, there is some doubt whether he has speed enough for such a short distance as 6 furlongs. Poppy Leaf and Flying Star each have smart performances to their credit, while Parra II moves as well as he looks. Mr. Carroll's pony did not appear to give of his best in a "rough up" down the straight yesterday, and may not prove honest when it comes to the pinch in a tight finish. Joe is a taking mover, but has proved a difficult mount, on occasion, for his riding boy. If only he can be kept straight, he should run prominently in the short races at any rate.

King Louis can get over the ground, but I have not had a watch on him over the six furlong course. If I was asked to name the four best subs at the moment I should pick on Uncle Dick, Flying Star, Parra II and Poppy Leaf with the conviction that Parra II will prove the most remunerative to follow.

These two ponies naturally stand out by themselves among the old brigade unless we except Kagothima. This pony, now owned by Messrs. Toeg and Priestley, is certainly one of the most taking movers on the course. I give below his record since he first ran as a griffin in Tientsin:

THE CHAMPIONS.

Discussion with regard to the Champions is the chief topic after "naming the Derby winner," and already there is a strong section of knowledgeable racing men who are convinced that neither Prince Regent nor Victoria will win.

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13. 5.23. 1 mile, unplaced.
18. 5.23. 1 mile, unplaced (Tientsin Derby).
23.10.23. 1 mile, unplaced.
24.10.23. 12 miles, 3rd (Tientsin Leger). Time: 3.51.2.5.
25.10.23. 12 miles, unplaced.
27.10.23. 14 miles, unplaced.
17. 5.23. 3 furlongs, unplaced.
9.11.23. 11 miles, 2nd. Time: 3.47.3.5 (beaten 4 lengths).
10.11.23. 11 miles, 1st. Time: 2.38.1.5 (won by 6 lengths).
30. 5.24. 1 mile, unplaced.
22. 5.24. 14 miles, unplaced.
24. 5.24. 13 miles, 3rd. (Many lengths from second). Time: 3.52.3.5.

The 3 furlong race on 20.5.24 was won by Tania Australia, now named Victoria; the time being 1.27.2.5. With the exception of Kagothima's win on 10.11.23, his performances are but poor recommendation. Change of climate and scenery, however, may work wonders and it is best to keep this pony on the safe side. Meanwhile it is difficult to understand the feeling against Prince Regent and Victoria—I am told even showed sportman to be prepared to lay even money against the two combined.

The opposition can only mean one thing: there is a rod in pickle among the griffins. Leaving the mare's chances out of the reckoning for the moment, it appears sheer madness to lay extravagantly against Prince Regent. He has won every time he has started here and his performance on November 29th last stands out on its own, when one bears in mind that he won by 6 lengths. The time for the 11 miles was: 30.3.5; 1.01; 1.31.4.5; 2.04.1.5; 2.38.3.5. I watched him very carefully when he came in after the race and he was not blowing sufficiently "to soufflé a candle." Had he been pressed, I am convinced he could have covered the last quarter under 30. Against this it may be urged that the horse is under a cloud—so he was before his performance on November 29. By the way, the report that Prince Regent galloped a mile in 2.08 late on Saturday morning has been denied by his owner. The rumour, it is true, emanated from a reliable source, but it is unlikely that the gallop took place without the owner's knowledge, unless the horse ran away with his riding lad. In the course of conversation, last week, Dr. Kew told me that he was anxious about the pony as he became screwed up after every gallop. He was also desirous that the public should know the exact situation. To come down to hard facts, it is a moral certainty that the pony—bar accidents—can qualify on the first day in the Chater Cup, for which the mare, Victoria, cannot run. Unless something is radically wrong, this should not prevent his going to the post fit and well on the Wednesday, as despite the 40lb. penalty the Chater Cup can only prove an exercise gallop for him with Silver Spear alone likely to prove able to extend him in the slightest degree.

The opposition to the mare is even more surprising now that the "bone" has been taken out of the ground, unless, as I fear, this year's griffins contain some "wonder" horses.

While on the subject of griffins, I have been taken to task for not including the Bookies' Delight—Alchenreoch—among the likely Derby dangers. I had not overlooked him altogether and fully expect (Continued on next Column).

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

ANTI-BOLSHEVISTS CONCENTRATE

Reports from the East River districts of Kwangtung state that some 30,000 anti-Bolsheviks are concentrating along the Canton-Kowloon Railroad east of Canton preparing for a general attack on the Cantonese capital. General Hsu Chung Chi, the Red Army commander, has been ordered by the acting Generalissimo to have full command over the defence of Canton City.

KWANGTUNG ARSENAL.

The Kwangtung Arsenal at Shekcheng, near Canton, formerly defended by the Hananese who are depending on the daily income of \$400 from gambling for their subsistence, has just been taken over by General Chu Pei Teh of the Yunnanese Army, who has disarmed the Hanan forces.

ALARM AT SHUIKWAN.

Fearing that military operations will take place along the North River districts, the firms of Shuikwun, the northern terminal of the Canton-Hankow Railroad, Kwangtung Section, have instructed their connections in Canton to stop consignments northward until further notice. Notwithstanding the much-talked-of coming battles along the Pei Kiang, the Canton-Hankow line is still running as usual; but its receipts are exceedingly low, it is said.

SNOW AS GOOD OMEN.

The inhabitants of Nanyang, Northern Kwangtung, had the rare opportunity of seeing snow on Chinese New Year, an omen for good harvest this coming season. The Nanyang people have not had such a cold winter for some years.

POPULAR JAPANESE OFFICIAL.

The General Chamber of Commerce of Canton, now in charge of new officers since the forced retirement of the old board on Feb. 1st, passed a resolution regretting the recall of Mr. E. Aman, the Japanese Consul-General at Canton, by his home government. The Chamber says that Mr. Aman has done much in bringing the Japanese and the Chinese merchants in Canton to a closer relationship.

ANNUAL FIRE REPORT.

The Canton Volunteer Fire Brigade, in its annual report, states that there were 153 fires in Canton in 1924, destroying some 1,541 buildings and other property valued at \$2,107,708, and causing the death of 43 persons. Some \$1,213,900 worth of property was covered by insurance. This report does not include the destruction of the West City, or Saie Kwan, on October 15th, during the Red massacre of Canton merchants, when hundreds of buildings were destroyed and many looted.

RECOVERING A LAUNCH.

CLASH BETWEEN PORTUGUESE MARINES AND YUNNANESE.

Mr. F. A. F. Batalha, Vice-Consul for Portuguese at Canton, writing to the Canton Gazette regarding a report of a clash between Portuguese marines and Yunnanese soldiers (which we reproduced from our contemporary's columns), says:—

"The launch in question is a Portuguese's property and does not belong to any Chinese owner as alleged. The said launch was stolen long ago by unknown persons and as this office was informed that she was moored at Wongsan, this Consulate-General sent their own Police to take possession of the launch. The Chinese soldiers attacked our Police and they were forced under the circumstances to return the fire."

SEQUEL TO SHOOTING FRAY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon three Chinese were remanded by Mr. E. W. Hamilton until this morning, on charges connected with a shooting affray, reported in the Daily Press next day, at 122, Woosung Street, Yau-mat, in the early hours of December 29th. Two of the defendants were charged with being in possession of a pistol, two revolvers, and 28 rounds of ammunition, and one was in addition charged with receiving a revolver and five rounds of ammunition. The third man was charged with shooting at a police constable on the date mentioned, and also with being in possession of a Luger pistol and fifteen cartridges.

The main evidence taken yesterday went to show that the arms were, all in working order, and that when one of the pistols was examined shortly after the trouble, it was found that it had been fired recently.

him to earn something towards his keep during the meeting. The real reason of his name being omitted in my last notes was that I had not a "book of the words with me," and I can no more spell his name without aid than I can pronounce it. Some of the Shanghai jockeys are expected to arrive here before the week-end and Saturday and Sunday will probably prove busy mornings for those who line the rails watch in hand.

Mr. Dunbar sprang a surprise, yesterday morning, on those who waited till the last. He sent Gimlet and Seattle over the 6 furlong course. The former won handsily, the time being 1.35. Racing men can draw their own conclusions, though it must be borne in mind the last furlong was covered in 32, which may or may not signify Gimlet had shot his bolt.

It is significant that Gimlet carries a similar brand to Kashmir, whose death was a sad loss to the Dunbar stables. It is to be hoped Gimlet will turn out even better than Kashmir at his best and make good the loss.

THE LATE SAM GOMPERS.

A RECOLLECTION.

An interesting recollection of the late Mr. Sam Gompers, the famous American political leader, is furnished by the well-known writer, Mr. Harold Spender, who says:—

I met Sam Gompers in New York. The introduction occurred in a strange way. It was at one of those very public luncheons in which the Americans delight so much. I was talking rather freely about American foreign trade when my right-hand neighbour, whom I had not closely observed, suddenly remarked: "You have not mastered your facts!"

I turned, to find myself flanked by a short plain man with shrewd, tired eyes and an untidy head of scrubby hair.

"My facts," I said, "were taken from the publications of your Government!"

"No much the worse for the facts," he said.

Somewhat taken aback by the Johnsonian directness of these remarks, I said: "May I inquire your name?"

"Samuel Gompers!" he rattled out—and I knew where I was.

I was in luck. For he was the very man, I wanted to meet. I had heard about him from time to time and placed him all over the United States as the leader of the most formidable political force in America, yet always lurking in the shadows, never fighting in the open—a tremendous secret power; the political Jesuit of America.

We soon made friends. For about ten minutes we were just rude to one another. Everyone is so polite in America that one felt a sort of relief. One felt at home again. I felt as if I were talking to John Burns at the National Liberal Club.

Then we suddenly agreed on peace. We exchanged cigarettes. I asked him why he did not form a Labour party in Congress, like the British Labour party in our Parliament.

"Because I can get more without," he said.

"But our Labour party is very powerful."

"Not so powerful as mine."

Then I remembered how the American Federation of Labour had exalted the eight-hour day for the American workmen from President Woodrow Wilson, and how the capitalists had never forgiven the great Democrat but had tracked him to his doom. Wilson was dead. Gompers was still alive.

"How do you do it?" I asked him.

"I harter my votes. I give them to whichever party—Democrat or Republican—will bid the higher. They will give anything for votes."

"The British Labour way seems healthier."

"It is more exhausting. They will lose their strength! All their force will go out over the Parliamentary struggle. Mark my words, they will not last."

"It is honest," I said.

"I fail to see it. We keep to our last. The organisation of labour is in the shops and on the railways."

"You have far less social legislation. No pensions. No insurance."

"We don't want either. We want high wages."

I looked more closely at my interlocutor, and there came back to me the memory of the old British Labour leaders, men like Fenwick and Burn—men who were essentially individualists, who still believed in laissez-faire. I realized that Gompers belonged to that class. He was a Labour leader who was still vehemently anti-Bolshevik and a protagonist in the fight against prohibition.

Yet what a character! As our talk unfolded, amid the din and clatter of that New York lunch, I realised a personality of tremendous strength and humanity, a resolute leader of men, a formidable friend of the poor. Not over-scrupulous, I should imagine—too hindered by the struggle to be tender—but capable of great pity and enthusiasm.

"Come and stay with us," he said as we parted, and he gripped me with his sturdy fist.

"Delighted!" I said; and intended to.

But I shall never see him more—not on this side!

ANTIDOTE TO JAZZ.

OLD DANCES IN BUCKLES AND KNICKERBOCKERS.

The dancing pupils at the Chelsen Polytechnic were stated in a London paper recently to be perfecting themselves in the steps of the sword and Morris dances, the "antidote to Jazz," of which they were to give a public exhibition.

Mr. Douglas Kennedy, their instructor, who in private life is an official of the Department of Forestry, had some very interesting facts to tell about the origin of the dances.

"As you have stated," said he, "they come or have been preserved largely in the North Country, in Yorkshire, and Northumberland. One of the most characteristic and yet one of the least-known sights in all England is the annual miners' gathering at Newcastle, where competitions in the old dances are held."

For the occasion the miners wear a dress handed down for generations, as far as the type goes, which is probably the last vestige of a national costume in England. They wear neat black knickerbockers of some shiny material, yellow silk stockings, and buckled shoes. Their loose white shirts are covered with bunches of ribbons dispersed all over them. The Northumbrians dance either to Irish jig tunes or to country tunes on the small pipes.

The small pipes, or English bagpipes, are now, however, growing rarer. I doubt if there are more than four or five accomplished players of them left alive. They are very difficult to learn and to play.

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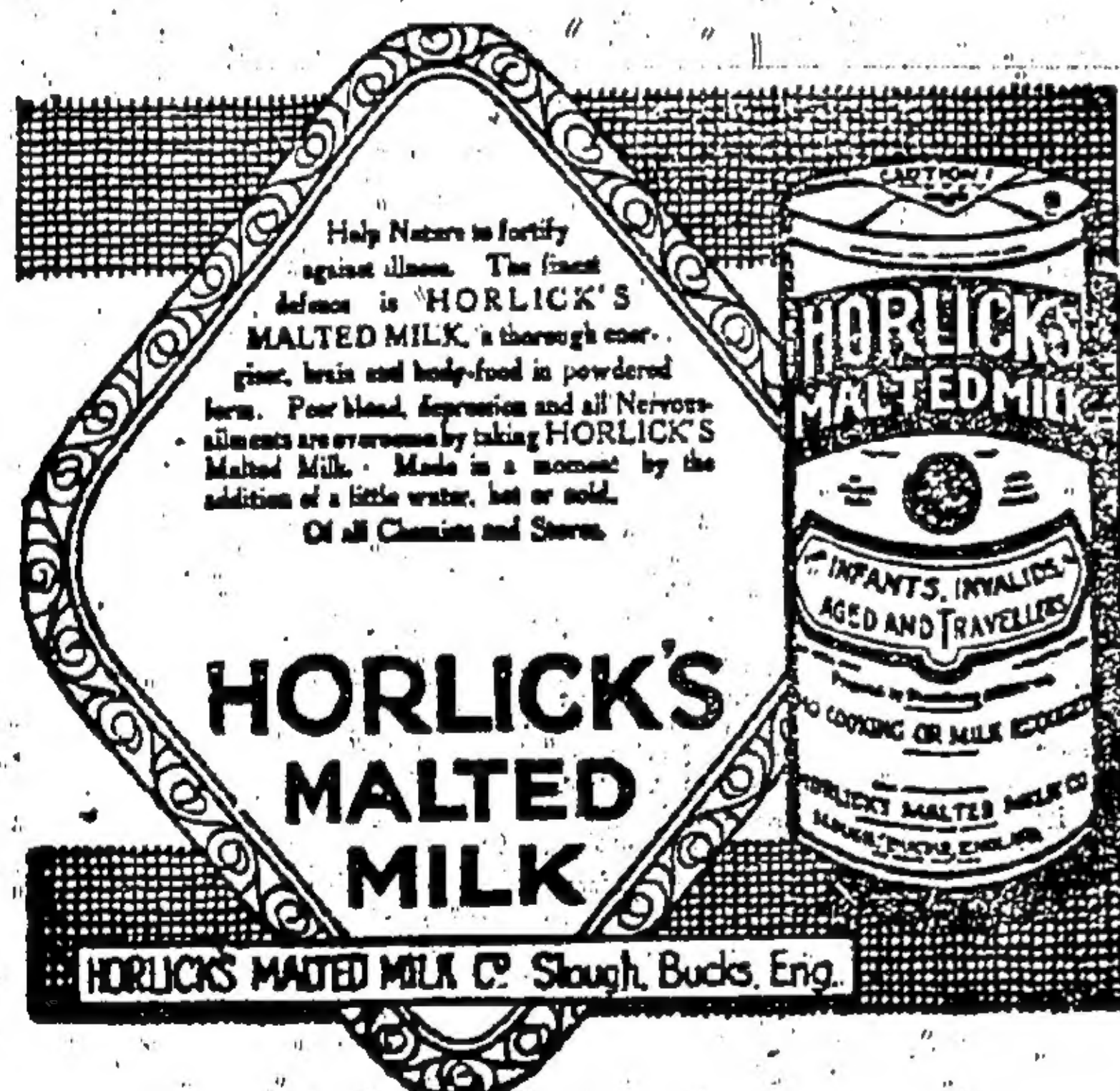
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years when he and a cheerful band of
companions filled the columns of the
Sporting Times with wit and humour.
Not many of that band are left, and
London which knew them so well, has
changed almost beyond imagination; but
the younger generation will be glad to
have this record of them, and such a
feast of good stories as Mr. Booth pro-
vides in his pages.

The motto of the paper was a com-
mendable one: "High Toryism, High
Churchism, High Farming, and Old Port
for ever!"—and the *Pink 'Un* made his-
tory.

Champagne was for many years called
"Boo"—not "the Boo"—in conse-
quence of a story told of King Ed-
ward when Prince of Wales, on the
front page, "managers" and "boun-
ders" were created in the pink
columns; the "oo bird" and "spoo!"
were also added to the popular voca-
bulary by pink pens. Most
famous of all, perhaps, the mythical
"Ashes," accepted as the prize the
English and Australian teams strive to
gain or retain possession of, were the
invention of the *Sporting Times*.

The use of the word goes back to
1832.

Mr. Booth has much about the boxes
of those gay times. This is one of his
famous stories:—

"A couple of middle-aged novices
were strolling away, as only novices
can and will. Presently an agonised
howl went up, and one of them ap-
pealed to the referee.

"Phoo!—Gow nor—he hit me!"
"Did he, my lad?" replied the un-
ruffled referee. "Well, what about
it? Ain't you got no ruddy teeth?"
Box on!"

We are told how Nellie Farrer went
to deliver an ultimatum to John
Hollingshead, of the old Gaiety, for her
salary. It was to be a case of "No pay,
no play." Referring to this meeting,
"Bill" asked her how she had got on.

"My dear boy," she replied, with a
pathetic smile, "John is quite hopeless.
Not only did he get me to postpone
my demand for arrears, but he per-
suaded me to buy the piano in the
green-room!"

Mr. Booth notes the far greater vogue
of music-hall songs in those times and
the singular hold which the Vances and
the Leybourns had on the public.

"Competition was vastly keener. In
any one year of the 'seventies there
were on the list of London music-hall
artists at least 250 comic singers, the
same number of serio-comics, forty
Irish comic singers, and a couple of
hundred of sentimental singers, and
at least a hundred well-known duet-
tists."

In the modern London the bars have
changed their nature. They are no
longer

"convivial meeting-places for little
coteries of amusing cronies, of men
who had each and all done and were
doing things in their various worlds;
who "used their "houses of call,"
not for soaking but as informal clubs,
and who swapped stories and experi-
ences with congenial souls, until the
midnight super-time arrived."

As for the "Gaiety Societies," of
whose quaint deeds Mr. Booth has so
much to tell, "all are gone—the old
familiar faces," and their play knows
them no more.

SHINGLING IN 1857.

AND BOBBING IN 1750.

WHAT THE WORDS REALLY MEAN.

"I wonder how many women whose
hair is either bobbed or shingled know
the real meaning of these words?" writes
a correspondent in a London paper.

Contrary to popular belief, neither of
them is a product of twentieth-century
slang.

The verb "to shingle" was known as
long ago as 1562, but it meant to roof a
house with shingles or tiles.

The word as applied to human hair
originated in America and dates back to
1857. An American barber that year
declared, "I warrant I can shingle hair
better than anyone in the town."

In Murray's dictionary, where this
barber is quoted, the proper definition is
given in these words: "To cut hair pro-
perly, so as to give the effect of over-
lapping shingles, by exposing the ends
of hair all over the head."

"To bob" means "to cut short, as a
horse's tail," according to the same
authority, while a further explanatory
note says that a "bob" is "a knot or
bunch of hair, such as that in which
women do up their back hair. Hence,
bob-peruke, a wig having bottom locks
turned up into bobs, or short curls, as
opposed to a full-bottomed wig."

In French there are two words to de-
note bobbed hair, neither of which is a
word with a true derivation. Both are
adapted for the purpose.

A bobbed girl has hair "A la Ninon,"
which term originates from the "fashion
set by Mlle Ninon, a French actress of
the middle 18th century, who did her
hair in this way." In small children
bobbed hair is often called "A la Jeanne
d'Arc."

There is no special word in the French
language to denote shingling.

In German the usual slang expression
for bobbed hair is "bubenkopf," which
means "boy's head."

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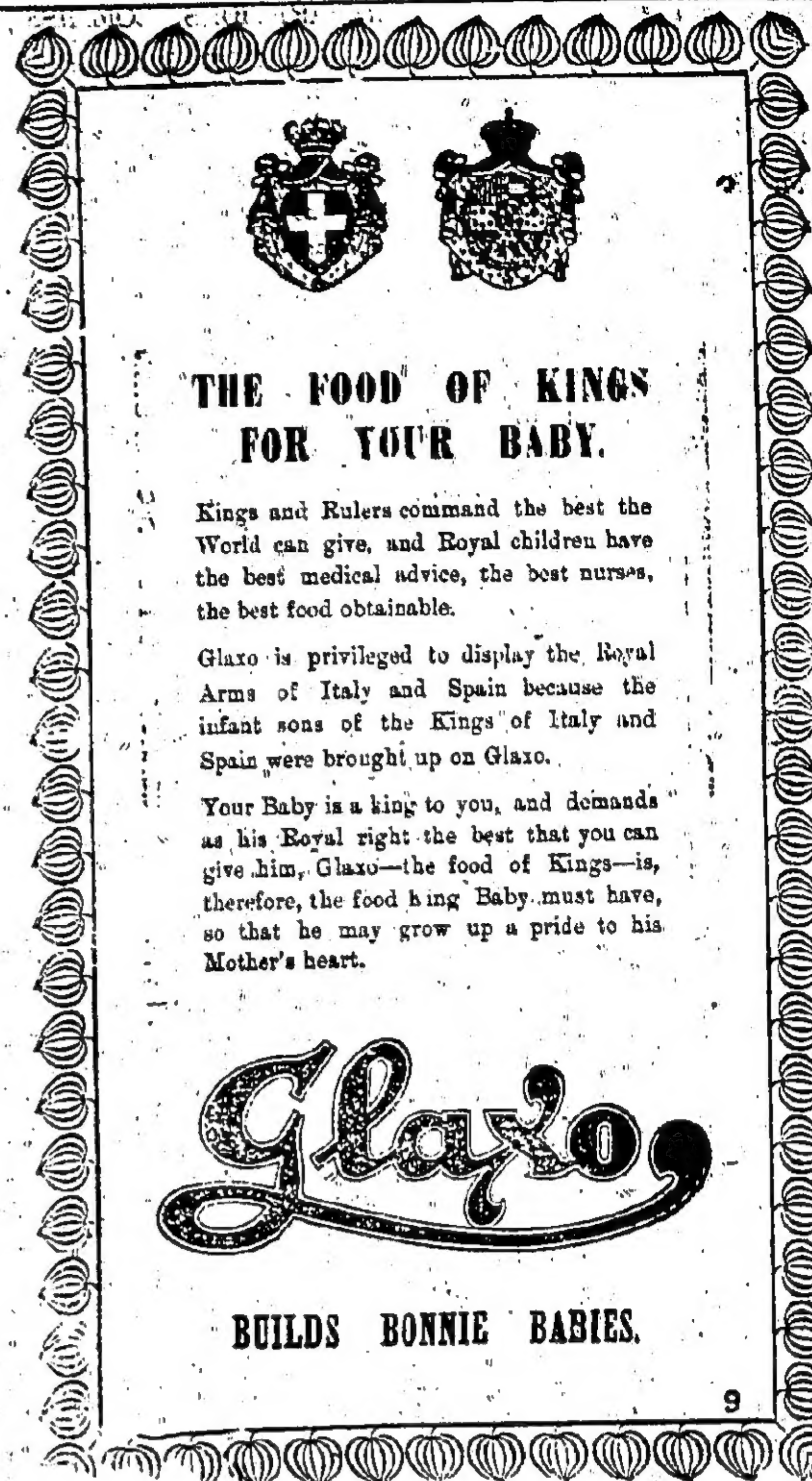
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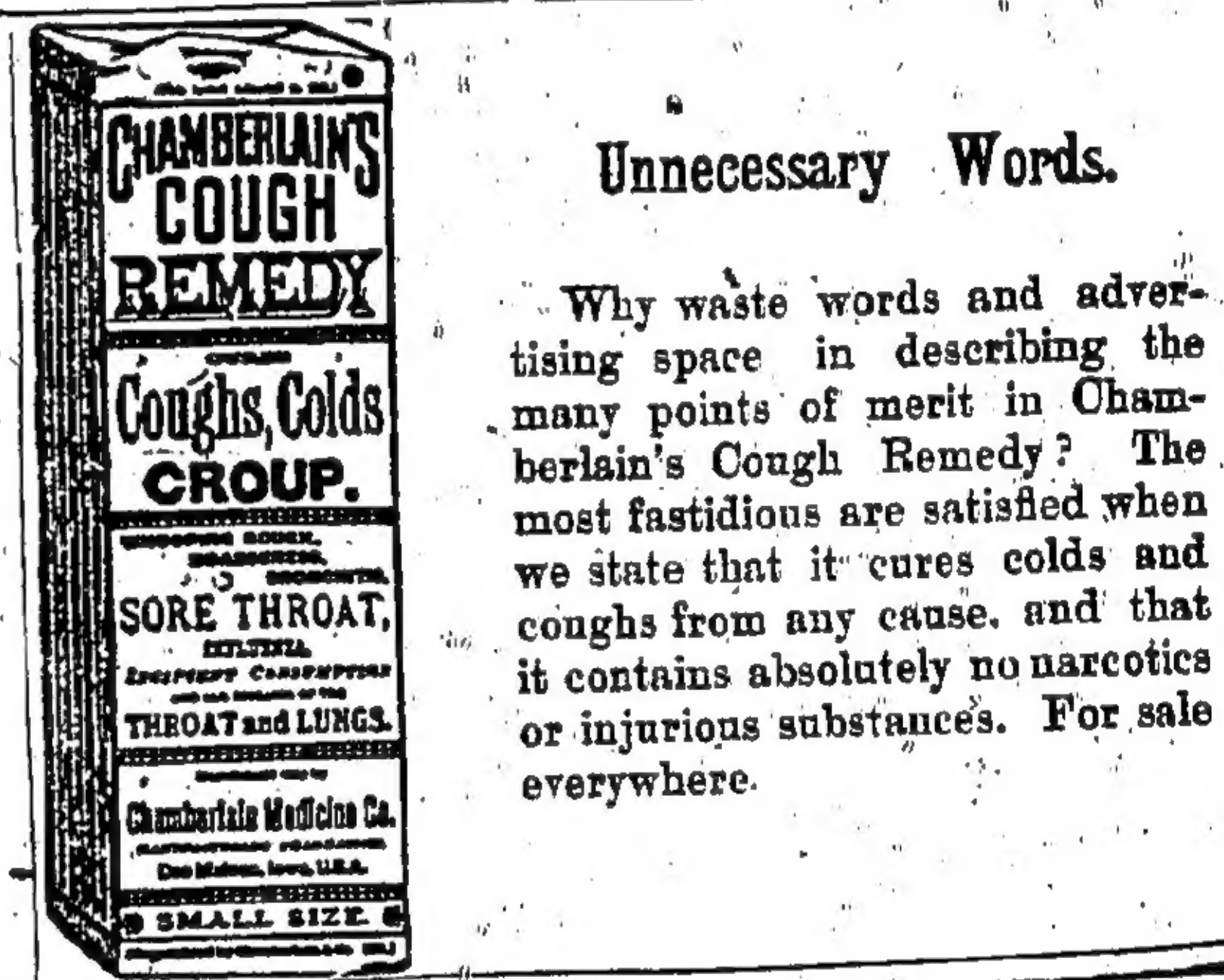
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"BARDINIA"	8,894	19th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"JEYPORE"	8,318	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, & Bombay.
"SOUFAN"	8,498	18th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"BARDINIA"	8,894	31st Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KASIMIR"	8,963	18th Apr.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"SOUFAN"	8,498	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"BARDINIA"	8,894	18th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	28th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	30th May	Marseilles & London
"KASIMIR"	8,963	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
"KASIMIR"	8,963	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	25th July	Marseilles & London

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SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Feb. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,000	18th Feb.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,418	25th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	6th Mar.	do.
"TAIRA"	7,932	22nd Mar.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,946	27th Mar.	do.

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SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TANDA"	6,968	28th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	29th April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,968	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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SS.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,968	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	12th Feb.	do.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUFAN"	8,498	21st Feb.	do.
"TAIRA"	7,932	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BARDINIA"	8,894	2nd Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,946	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BARDINIA"	8,894	3rd Apr.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUFAN"	8,498	25th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,968	1st May	do.
"KALYAN"	8,118	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	15th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	26th May	do.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	4th June	Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,400	26th June	do.
"KASIMIR"	8,963	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BARDINIA"	8,894	24th July	do.

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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUNAN"	On 4th Feb.	4 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 5th Feb.	10 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANNU"	On 5th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 6th Feb.	11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 6th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 7th Feb.	11 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHENAN"	On 8th Feb.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"CHERIAN"	On 8th Feb.	11 a.m.
WEI CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KANGTUNG"	On 8th Feb.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"SZECHUAN"	On 10th Feb.	D.L.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 11th Feb.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 11th Feb.	4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"SHANTUNG"	On 13th Feb.	11 a.m.
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